Milch animals

†*109.SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
PROF. RAM BAKHSH SINGH VARMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of milch-animals is decreasing constantly in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to encourage people for rearing milch-animals; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d) Various steps taken by the Central Government to encourage rearing of milch animal include:

(i) Providing support under the Integrated Dairy Development Programme and the scheme on Assistance to Cooperatives for marketing.

(ii)- Strengthening Breeding infrastructure in the States through Centrally Sponsored Schemes like Extension of Frozen Semen Technology Progeny Testing Programme and National Bull Production Programme.

(iii) Schemes for providing assistance to States towards augmenting feed and fodder resources.

(iv) Dairy demonstration centres set up and milk yield competitions organised under the Animal Husbandry Extension Programme.

(v) A new Ninth Plan scheme for providing subsidised

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insurance cover to non-IRDP milch animals owned by people below the poverty line in selected districts.

Besides these, the States are also taking up a number of programmes in order to promote rearing of milch animals, and provide health cover and nutritional inputs.

National Statistical Commission

*110. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a National Statistical Commission to generate timely and reliable statistics for policy formulation and effective planning and implementation;

(b) if so, what are the details regarding members, tenure, functions, allocation of works to different members etc.;

(c) whether the information would be made available to public on website; and

(d) when will the Commission become operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) The Government of India, through Resolution No. M/13011/3/99-Admn. IV of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation dated 19th January, 2000, established a National Statistical Commission with Dr. C. Rangarajan, Governor, Andhra Pradesh as its part-time Chairman and the following as part-time members:

(1) Shri V.R. Rao, ex-Director, Central Statistical Organisation and UN Advisor

(2) Shri S.M. Vidwans, ex-Director (Economics & Statistics), Government of Maharashtra and UN Expert